

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-270-G - ORDER NO. 2007-589
AUGUST 17, 2007

IN RE: Request for Investigation to Determine)	ORDER GRANTING
Whether a Regulation Should Be)	RECONSIDERATION
Promulgated Requiring Relocation of Certain)	AND CLARIFICATION
Meter Sets or Installation of Splash Guards)	
on These Meter Sets)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition for Reconsideration and Motion for Clarification of Order No. 2007-475 filed by the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS). As discussed below, we grant reconsideration and the Motion for Clarification of our prior Order.

On January 19, 2006, the Commission conducted a hearing to determine whether a regulation should be promulgated requiring the relocation or installation of splash guards on American Meter Company Type 12 gas meter sets (known as Type 12 meters). On March 23, 2006, this Commission issued Order No. 2006-168¹, wherein we found that there is no need to promulgate a regulation as gas operators have committed to a voluntary remediation schedule for all existing Type 12 meters in South Carolina subject to moisture accumulation. In addition to this finding, the Commission ordered, among other things, all gas operators to expedite their remediation plans to the extent possible

¹ The Commission amended the order on April 5, 2006, to correct a scrivener's error. See Order No. 2006-168(A).

and all gas operators to provide a status report to the Commission and ORS, as to the remediation progress of Type 12 meters.

On April 13, 2007, ORS filed a Petition for Reconsideration to Order No. 2006-168 wherein ORS offered to act as administrator of such status reports. On July 12, 2006, this Commission issued Order No. 2006-310 wherein this Commission allowed ORS to act as administrator to the status reports and requested that ORS file a collective filing describing each gas operator's remediation progress. This information was requested within six months. On December 11, 2006, ORS filed a report with the Commission showing the gas operators' progress. On July 16, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 2007-475 wherein the Commission ordered gas operators to file semi-annual status reports about their remediation progress.

With respect to this last Order, ORS requests that this Commission reconsider or clarify the Order in several areas. First, in Order No. 2007-475, we stated that all gas operators are to file semi-annual status reports about the progress being made with respect to the remediation of Type 12 meters. ORS requests clarification as to whether the Commission would like ORS to administer the status reports and file a collective report on behalf of the gas operators showing such information. ORS states that it is willing to administer the status reports. The Commission welcomes the ORS's assistance in this matter. We therefore would request that ORS administer the status reports and file with the Commission a consolidated report, providing the individual company data on behalf of the gas operators. Second, ORS states that Order No. 2007-475 applies to all South Carolina gas operators. ORS notes that its collective filing to the Commission on

December 11, 2006 shows that approximately 78% of South Carolina gas operators: 1) do not utilize Type 12 meters in its system, 2) do not have Type 12 meters subject to service regulatory vent moisture intrusion or freezing, or 3) do have Type 12 meters and voluntarily completed meter reconfiguration or installation of splash guards. ORS asks that the semi-annual filing as set forth in Order No. 2007-475 apply only to those operators who have not voluntarily completed meter remediation. ORS believes that requesting filings from the operators listed in 1, 2, and 3 above creates an unnecessary filing and duplicates information contained in the December 11, 2006 filing. We agree, and grant clarification. Only those gas operators who have not voluntarily completed meter remediation should file the semi-annual status reports.

Finally, ORS notes that Order No. 2007-475 states that operators are to file semi-annual status reports beginning thirty days after July 16, 2007. ORS requests that this Commission substitute a new date for this date in response to the ORS Petition. We agree, and hold that the semi-annual status reports are to be filed beginning September 15, 2007.

We have accordingly granted all relief sought by the Office of Regulatory Staff in its Petition.

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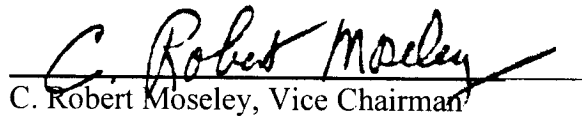
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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